

193. The school commissioners may, in their discretion, instead of purchasing land and erecting a school house thereon, purchase any house in the district suitable for the purpose.

194. All expenses incurred by the school commissioners under the last preceding section shall be paid by them out of the money to be drawn by them from the treasurer of the school fund of the county.

195. The school commissioners, if they deem it advisable, may levy upon any parent or guardian, widows and orphans without property excepted, whose children or wards attend any school within their respective districts, a sum not exceeding fifty cents a month for each child or ward, for the purpose of keeping the school houses in repair, and for the payment of other incidental expenses, and may collect the same as other debts.

196. They may employ and contract for the payment of a teacher for each school in their respective districts at any sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five dollars semi-annually.

197. The county commissioners of Dorchester county shall appoint not less than three nor more than seven persons residents of said county to be styled the board of examiners of primary school teachers of said county.

198. The said board, or some member thereof, shall examine every applicant for the situation of teacher in any primary school of said county, and if they or he find him qualified for the situation, shall give him a certificate stating his competency to teach, and what branches.

199. No person shall be admitted by the school commissioners as a teacher in any school without a certificate from the board of examiners, or one of them.

200. All white children over six years of age shall be permitted to receive instruction in said schools, and an adult who may first obtain the permission of the commissioners of the district to which he belongs, upon payment of such sum as shall be fixed by said commissioners, shall also be admitted to receive instruction.